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Am sending along the following papers relating to recent RSC activities:

1. Second Progress Report.
2. The so-called "model form" for the survey of research programs.
3. Final draft of the Survey on the Chinese Communist Economy.
4. A-2 request for material or suggestions for a study of Soviet recuperation from air attack.
5. Working papers for NIE-56.

Your impressions on any or all of these will be appreciated.

Bill is attempting to press forward with the survey of critical deficiencies in the hope that they will provide a guide for recharting ORE's course in the Fall. As a result of the China Survey, ORE is recommending to the IAC that the research effort on the Chinese economy be increased. [REDACTED] has proposed an external research program under his direction. [REDACTED] Would you consider extending your program to encompass research on the Chinese economy?

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I understand that [REDACTED] has an interest in studies such as the recuperation project being undertaken by A-2, and that he may have specific suggestions concerning it.

The working papers for NIE-56 were forwarded to ORE and are adequate for their purposes. The problem now is to edit, and possibly

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revise, then for EIC publication. We want to put them out in as useful a form as possible. Do you have any recommendations along this line? I know that two of your principle objectives were to develop a research tradition in the intelligence community and to produce papers that will make research cumulative.

Sincerely yours,

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